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In re application of :
Kiyoshi TANABE et al. : Docket No. 2000-0973A
Serial No. 09/600,027 : Group Art Unit 1636
Filed September 6, 2000 : Examiner L. Gansheroff
A METHOD OF MUTAGENESIS :

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 27, 2001, the time for filing thereto being extended for three months in accordance with the Petition for Extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 11-13 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for mutagenesis of a gene, which comprises:
- (a) introducing many more point mutations into one strand of double-stranded genomic DNA of a cell than into another strand, wherein the point mutations are randomly introduced into four kinds of bases, and wherein the cell is derived from a mutant cell strain